

CLUSTER INSIDE 03/2022

Dear Cluster members,

This newsletter informs you on a regular basis about upcoming events, new Cluster members, fellows and international faculty as well as other important news from the Universities of Bonn and Cologne.

You would like to inform our members about your Cluster activities?

Please send an email to media@econtribute.de
– we will consider your request for the upcoming newsletter.



Thomas Dohmen receives NSF Grant

Cluster spokesperson **Thomas Dohmen** receives a NSF Grant for his project “Aligning Measurement of Personal Attributes for Predicting STEM Education Outcomes” together with James Heckman (University of Chicago), Patrick Kyllonen (ETS) and Stephanie Carlson (University of Minnesota). Congratulations!

They investigate the evolution of traits, skills, and preferences in children to determine how those attributes predict STEM achievement and the choice of STEM majors and careers in an interdisciplinary multi-country study.

With the Starting Grant, the [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) supports outstanding research projects for a period of five years.



Podcast Special #Ukraine

In a podcast special **#Ukraine**, the [ECONtribute Wirtschaftspodcast](#) discusses international economic impacts of the Ukraine war scientifically. Energy embargo, financial sanctions and grain shortage: Our researchers provide scientific evidence and shed light on the economic implications. In the current episode, agricultural economist **Matin Qaim** talks about potential famine and how to prevent it.

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay informed about new episodes and please spread the word.



Welcome Mattias Polborn!

Mattias Polborn, Professor of Economics and Political Science at Vanderbilt University, will visit our Cluster from June, 13 – 17, 2022. He will be based at the SSC building (R.3.321). Feel free to reach out!

[Website](#)

Mattias’s research focuses on political economy, specifically on the game-theoretic analysis of political institutions and elections.

Mattias is part of the ECONtribute International Faculty program for outstanding international professors. Our international Faculty visits the Cluster on a regular basis over a couple of years.

[Further info](#)



Press release: Mass fear decreases when measures to contain pandemics are effective | Michael Bechtel

If infection numbers drop significantly over the course of a pandemic in response to policy measures, this lowers people's sense of fear and panic-related behaviour more strongly than the infection rates and the measures themselves. That is the result of a study by cluster member **Michael Bechtel** (UoC), together with William O'Brochta (Louisiana Tech University), and Margit Tavits (Washington University in St. Louis).

The researchers showed the 5.500 participants progressions of a fictional wave of infections and asked them to rate how scared they were using a variety of questions for each scenario. The result: How quickly and with which measures policy makers reacted hardly influenced fear and related behaviour such as panic buying. What mattered was the policies' impact: if infections decreased two weeks after the political measures have been implemented, mass fear dropped by a third. Partisanship does not affect how mass fear responds to pandemic policy.

The study was published in the Journal of Experimental Political Science.

[Further Information & publication](#)

RESEARCH EVENTS

ECONtribute Research Workshop: Political Economy

On May 13, 2022, the Cluster's Research Area "Political Economy" organizes an on-site Workshop of their Research Area at University of Cologne. Members will present their latest work and will discuss new ideas. There will be four panels with multiple presentations each.

Contact: Sven-Oliver Proksch

Date & Time: May 13, 09:30 am – 6 pm CET

Venue: IBW building (3.40), Herbert-Lewin-Str. 2, Cologne

[More info](#)

Conference in honor of Konrad Mierendorff

Cluster members Sarah Auster, Benny Moldovanu, Alexander Westkamp and ECONtribute Research Fellow Vasiliki Skreta (UCL) invite to a conference in honor of former BGSE (Bonn Graduate School of Economics) student Konrad Mierendorff on June 17 – 18, 2022. It will take place on-site in London.

Contact: [Vasiliki Skreta](#)

Date & Time: June, 17 to 18, 10:00 am – 17:00 pm

Further information will follow soon.

CfP: Field Days - Experiments outside the laboratory

ECONtribute invites submissions to the **ECONtribute Research Workshop: Field Days – Experiments outside the laboratory** on October 20-21, 2022. This workshop brings together researchers who conduct field experiments to present and discuss their work.

To apply, please submit a paper or extended abstract until June 10, 2022 by email to office-cd@wiso.uni-koeln.de.

Contact: [Sander Kraaij](#)

[More info & Registration](#)

CfP: 4th European Midwest Micro/Macro Conference

On December 2-3, 2022, the **4th European Midwest Micro/Macro Conference (EM³C)** will take place in Frankfurt, Germany. EM³C is a joint initiative of economists working at the intersection of micro and macro in Europe and the US Midwest.

To apply, please submit a paper (preferred) or extended abstract until June 30, 2022 via emmmc2022@gmail.com.

Contact: [Moritz Kuhn](#)

[More info](#)



Selten Salon with Claudia Buch

ECONtribute and the Institute for Economic Policy at the University of Cologne invite to this year's Selten Salon with [Prof. Dr. Claudia Buch](#), Vice President of the Deutsche Bundesbank.

Claudia Buch will explore the current challenges of the financial system and discuss the importance of financial stability for our society. The event addresses the broader public. Please spread the word.

Date & time: June 10, 2022, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Venue: studio dumont, Breite Str. 72, 50667 Cologne

[Info& Registration](#)

ReStart Talk with Andreas Steinhauer

ECONtribute invites to the Reinhard Selten Equal Opportunity Talk („ReStart“) with [Andreas Steinhauer](#). Further Information on the topic and registration will follow soon.

Date & time: June 22, 2022, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Venue: Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, Apostelnkloster 13-15, 50672 Cologne

Diversity Week with Barbara Boelmann

ECONtribute invites to a lecture with Barbara Boelmann during the Diversity Week at UoC. She will discuss how limited mobility influences the careers of women since World War II.

Date & time: May 31, 2022, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Venue: WiSo Building (UoC), Hörsaal XXIII, Universitätsstraße 24, 50931 Cologne

[Info& Registration](#)



NEW PUBLICATIONS

Our [website](#) informs about new publications by our members and fellows.

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AUTHORS	TITLE	JOURNAL	RESEARCH AREA
Lena Janys	Testing the Presence of Implicit Hiring Quotas with Application to German Universities	Review of Economics and Statistics	Distribution
Sören HARRS, Bettina Rockenbach , Lukas M. Wenner	Revealing Good Deeds: Disclosure of Social Responsibility in Competitive Markets	Experimental Economics	Markets & Values
Guido Friebel, Matthias Heinz , Mitchell Hoffman, Nick Zubanov	What Do Employee Referral Programs Do? Measuring the Direct and Overall Effects of a Management Practice	Journal of Political Economy	Organizational Design & Behavior
Michael M. Bechtel , William O'Brochta, Margit Tavits	Can Policy Responses to Pandemics Reduce Mass Fear?	Journal of Experimental Political Science	Political Economy, Behavioral Foundations
Francesc Dilmé	Strategic Communication with a Small Conflict of Interest	Games and Economic Behavior	Theoretical Foundations
Lorens Imhof, Matthias Kräkel	Team Diversity and Incentives	Management Science	Organizational Design & Behavior

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Axel Ockenfels, Uta K. Schier	Games as Frames	Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization	Market Design & Behavior
Armin Falk , Fabian Kosse, Pia Pinger , Hannah Schildberg-Hörisch, Thomas Deckers	Socioeconomic Status and Inequalities in Children's IQ and Economic Preferences	Journal of Political Economy	Behavioral Foundations, Distribution

ECONTRIBUTE DISCUSSION PAPERS

LATEST PAPERS

Our Cluster has its own Discussion Paper series, the ECONtribute Discussion Papers.

Please submit your Discussion Papers via our [website](#).

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NUMBER	AUTHORS	TITLE	RESEARCH AREA
165/2022	Lena Janys	Testing the Presence of Implicit Hiring Quotas with Application to German Universities	Distribution
164/2022	Guido Friebel, Matthias Heinz , Mitchell Hoffman, Nic Zubanov	What Do Employee Referral Programs Do? Measuring the Direct and Overall Effects of a Management Practice	Organizational Design & Behavior
163/2022	Eugen Dimant , Shaul Shalvi	Meta-Nudging Honesty: Past, Present, and Future of the Research Frontier	Behavioral Foundations
162/2022	Thilo N. H. Albers, Charlotte Bartels, Moritz Schularick	Wealth and its Distribution in Germany, 1895-2018	Distribution
161/2022	Luis Bauluz, Filip Novokmet, Moritz Schularick	The Anatomy of the Global Saving Glut	Distribution
160/2022	Sebastian Schaub, Louis Strang	(Not) Everyone Can Be a Winner–The Role of Payoff Interdependence for Redistribution	Markets & Values

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158/2022	Anselm Hager, Lukas Hensel, Johannes Hermle, Christopher Roth	<u>Political Activists as Free-Riders: Evidence from a Natural Field Experiment</u>	Behavioral Foundations
157/2022	Felix Chopra, Ingar Haaland, Christopher Roth	<u>The Demand for News: Accuracy Concerns versus Belief Confirmation Motives</u>	Behavioral Foundations
156/2022	Chitrlekha Basu	<u>How the Media Matters for the Economic Vote: Evidence from Britain</u>	Political Economy
155/2022	Spencer Bastani, Lisa Dickmanns, Thomas Giebe, Oliver Gürtler	<u>Competition for Promotion Can Induce Household Specialization Between Equally Competitive Spouses</u>	Organizational Design & Behavior
154/2022	Christian Kubitz a, Nicolaus Grochola, Helmut Gründl	<u>Life Insurance Convexity</u>	Financial Stability
153/2022	Christina Brinkmann	<u>Imperfect Competition in Derivatives Markets</u>	Financial Stability
152/2022	Manuel Bagues, Christopher Roth	<u>Interregional Contact and the Formation of a Shared Identity</u>	Behavioral Foundations

ECONTRIBUTE POLICY BRIEFS

LATEST POLICY BRIEFS

The Cluster also publishes ECONtribute Policy Briefs.

Please submit your policy work via our [website](#). Please note, that you can also submit VoxEU columns or contributions to the Ökonomenstimme.

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032/2022	Christopher Roth , Manuel Bagues	Interregional Contact and National Identity	Behavioral Foundations
031/2022	Teodora Boneva , Armin Falk , Mark Fallak, Lasse Stötzer	Sanctions on Russia, Aid to Ukraine, and Energy for Germany	Behavioral Foundations
030/2022	Teodora Boneva , Armin Falk , Mark Fallak, Lasse Stötzer	Germans' Willingness to Pay for Gas and Heating	Behavioral Foundations

PARTICULARS AT ECONTRIBUTE

Charlotte Pekel, Junior Science Editor, University of Cologne, Start: 05/2022

Charlotte Pekel joined the Management Office as Junior Science Editor. Charlotte is doing her masters in media studies at the University of Bonn completes the Cologne School of Journalism for Economics and Politics this summer. She will support the press work of the Cluster.

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